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November 18, 2008

Mr. Will Bush, Director
Department of General Services
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707 Third Street
West Sacramento, 95605-2811

Dear Mr. Bush:

I am in receipt of Mr. Doug Button's letter of November 14, 2008, in response to my letter to you of October 30, 2008.

While I appreciate the response to my questions, I am disappointed that we disagree on a couple of key issues. The first is the statement by Mr. Button that the 23rd and 24th floors are ready for reoccupancy. The other major disappointment to me is Mr. Button's statement that no report will be forthcoming regarding the work completed on the upper floors. While we have reports and protocols on some specifics, we have long asked for a summarized report of what was found, how it was addressed, the source of water intrusion and whether the water source was addressed. The last formal request was in my March 26, 2008 letter to you (copy attached). Subsequent to that letter, you gave me verbal assurances that once the floors were completed and ready for reoccupancy that such a report would be produced and provided to us. We, and our employees, deserve and require such a report to gain the appropriate assurances that the upper floors are truly ready for us to move employees back in.

I look forward to discussing these issues with you and Mr. Button at our meeting scheduled for Friday, November 21.

Sincerely,

Ramon J. Hirsig
Executive Director

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cc: Honorable Judy Chu, Chair
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March 26, 2008

Mr. Will Bush, Director
Department of General Services
Executive Office
707 Third Street
West Sacramento, 95605-2811

Dear Mr. Bush:

It is our understanding that DGS's investigation, remediation and clearance efforts on the 23rd floor are nearing completion. Please provide us with a comprehensive written report from DGS or its consultants. This report should include, but is not necessarily limited to, a complete description of what was found during the investigation, the identification of the cause of what was found, the scope of any remediation, what repairs were made to any portion of the building and all protocols and data collected during the clearance process that occurred on this floor. Please include all testing data and photographs (taken by DGS or any of its consultants) as appendices to the report.

It is our intention to share this report with our employees and their unions as well as post it on the web page before the floors are re-occupied. We will also have our consultants review it. So please make sure that no relevant information regarding the 23rd floor investigation or remediation is left out of the report or its appendices.

Please provide this report by April 7, 2008.

Sincerely,

Ramon J. Hirsig
Executive Director

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